Kath's 11 ½ inch Fashion Doll Sewing Patterns

Book 1

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Introduction

I have designed these patterns as simple as I could get them, starting with a jacket, then building up from there to 2 blouses, a skirt, a pair of trousers and 2 dresses. This would make up a good basic wardrobe for the fashion doll. With a little of your own imagination you can alter these basic patterns and make many more outfits; maybe even some pretty evening gowns.

If you are making these doll garments for children it is best to use "Velcro" instead of buttons, but I think zips should be safe enough. To use zips you can cut down the length of ordinary zips as I have done, or buy zips especially made tiny for dolls. I find sewing for 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ fashion dolls to be easier to make by sewing by-hand rather than using a sewing machine, and more relaxing. It is easier to sew with lightweight type material as they stop seams from being too bulky. For example for the jacket, skirt and trousers I used light weight denim. When using thicker material it pays to eliminate as many seams as possible, or leaving out facings and just turning down the material. To make the patterns in this book simply trace them off with baking paper.

Jacket 1

Materials Needed:

*Tracing paper (baking paper will do)*pencil*ruler*rubber*iron*scissors*sewing machine (or hand-sew)*sewing pins*tape measure (in cm)*polyester cotton thread*polyester cotton type fabric or any lightweight denim fabric

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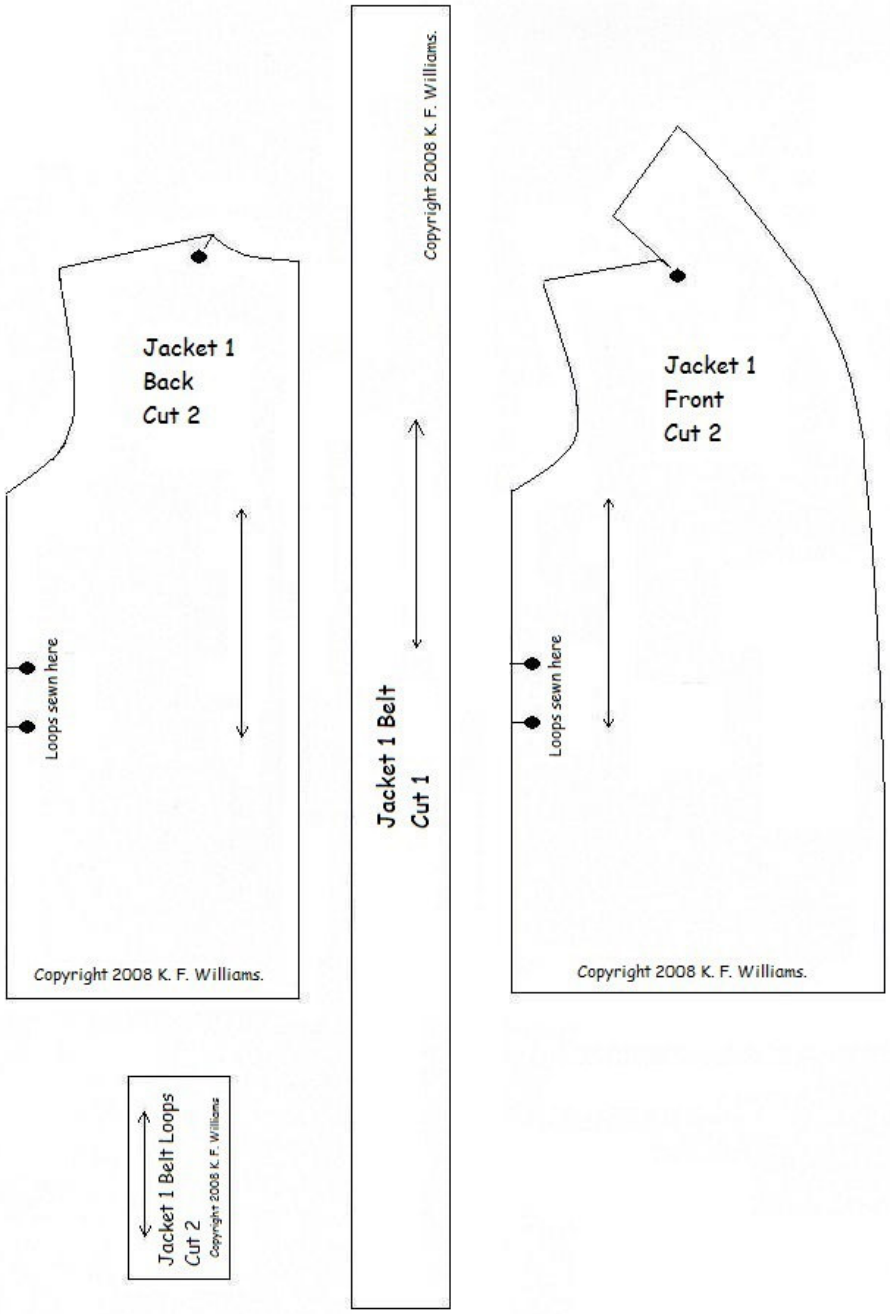

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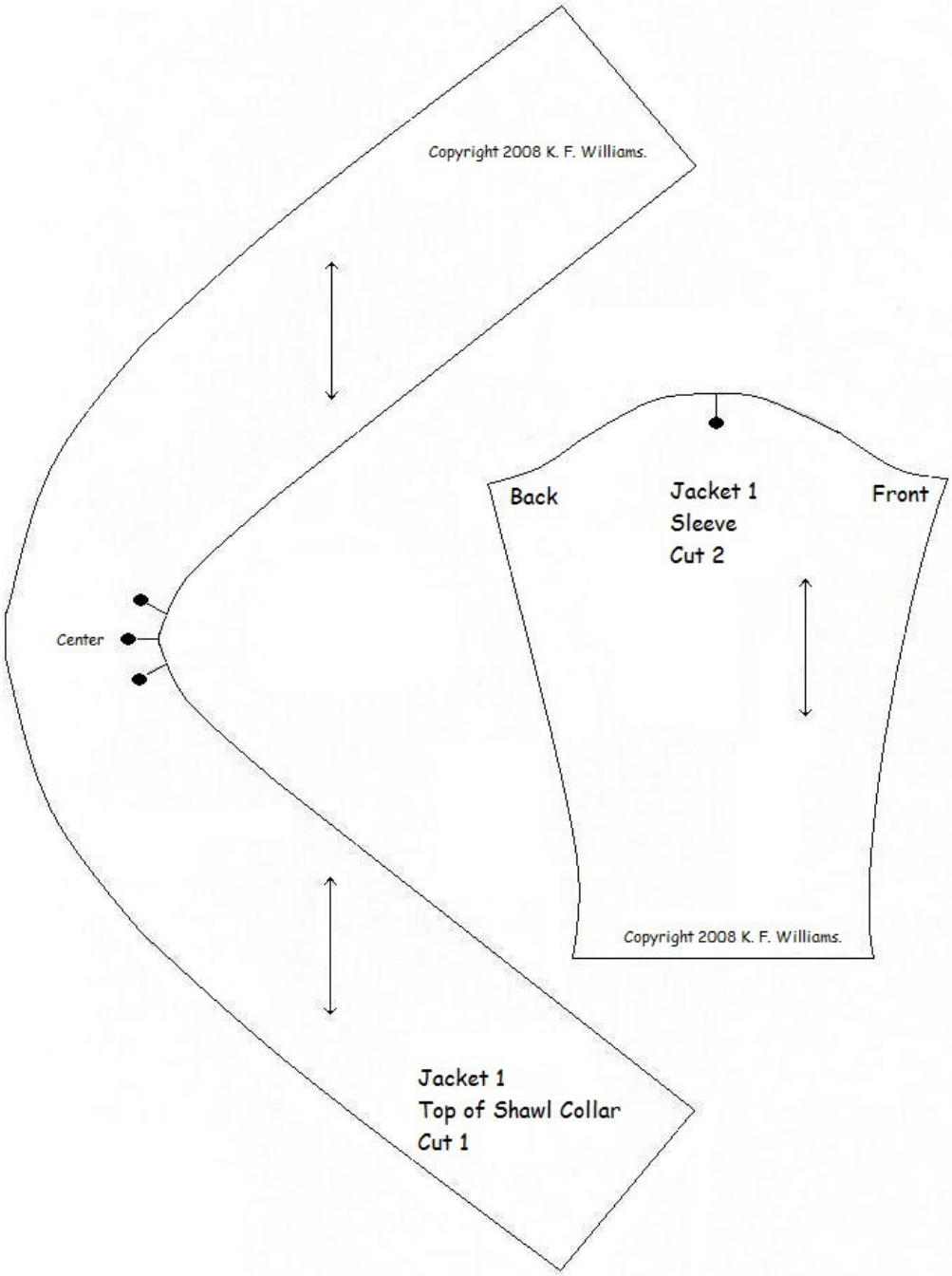

Jacket 1 Sewing Instructions

Read instructions thoroughly before starting to sew. Layout and pin pattern pieces to material, tailor tack dots at fronts and backs, tailor tack 3 dots at top shawl collar, tailor tack dot at top of sleeves, and then cut out pattern pieces from material.

Step 1

Stitch the back center seam (6mm wide) and press open. Then zigzag each side of back seam. Stitch the back center seam of the attached under collar (on the fronts) and press open. Clip to tailor tacks (dots) at neck corners.

Step 2

Pin fronts to backs along shoulder seams and sew shoulder seams (6mm wide) to clipped corners. Pin back neck edges together, matching center back seams. Stitch back neck, starting by overlapping a little at shoulder seam, pivoting needle at neck edge dots, ending by overlapping a little at other shoulder seam. Press shoulder seams towards back, then press the back neck seam on to the under collar.

Step 3

Each sleeve: DO NOT clip to tailor tack (dot) at top of sleeve, this is just to mark center of top sleeve. Pin center (marked with tailor tack) of top of sleeve to center-top of armhole (shoulder seam line), then back of top of sleeve to back of armhole and front of top of sleeve to front armhole, and with sleeve facing down (on sewing machine table surface) sew seam 6mm wide and finally zigzag raw edges of seam together. Turn over 6mm twice at sleeve ends and sew. Press.

Step 4

Making Loops for Belt: Fold across loops to find center, press fold line, turn in each side meeting center and fold again, press and sew 2mm from edge. Leave long end-edges raw. Pin loops into place at each side of back (where tailor tacks indicate where to pin them) and stitch into place 6mm from side edges. Stitch front pieces to back pieces along side seams to sleeve ends. Zigzag raw edges of seam together and press.

Step 5

Pin outer top collar and outer under collar together matching centers first (NB: top collar's center is marked with a tailor tack - do not clip), then matching each end, and finally rest of outer edge (but not at hem edge), and sew 6mm wide seam. Clip at curves of outer collar seam and then press seam towards top collar raw edge. NOW DO A CHECK of Seam: Just turn top collar into inside of garment to check that at back neck under collar: when it is standing up - it sits straight and even at each side of back seam, if not: re-sew seam over at each side of center to correct. This is well worth the effort for a good-look collar. Press 6mm under along raw edge of top collar, clip to tailor tacks (dots) and then top stitch turned under edge.

Step 6

With right sides together pin each end of the bottom edge of the collar to corresponding hem edge of garment, sew 12mm seam, clip at corners of seam and turn in to right (good) side. Using closed scissors (very carefully) push sleeves into the right (good) side. Turn under and press 6mm twice for hem and using hem-stitch hand sew hem. Top-stitch (2mm wide) from front hem edge, around collar edge and then down other side of front hem edge.

Step 7

Making Belt:

Across belt fold belt to find center, press fold line, turn in each side meeting center fold line and fold over, press and sew together as close to folded edges as possible. Leave long end-edges raw. I think doing blind hem stitch along folded edges would look much nicer and easier to do, just more timely.

Insert belt into loops at sides.

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Blouse 1

Materials Needed:

*Tracing paper (baking paper will do)*pencil*ruler*rubber*iron*scissors*sewing machine (or hand-sew)*sewing pins*tape measure (in cm)*polyester cotton thread*polyester cotton type fabric or any lightweight fabric*soft Velcro /or 3 buttons & buttonholes/ or 3 fasteners for back opening

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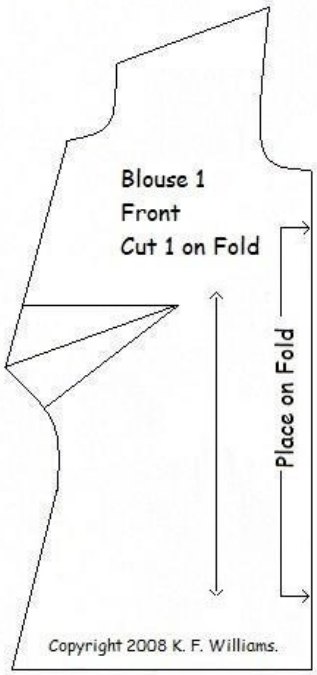

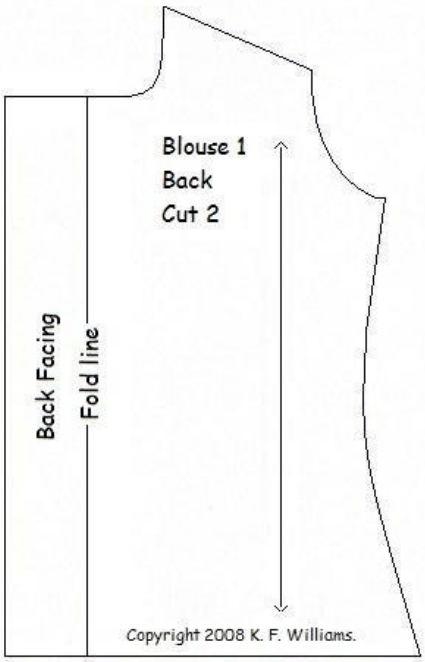

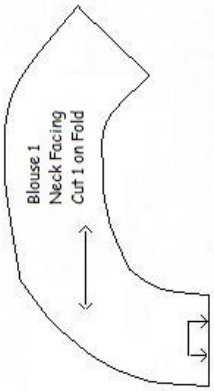

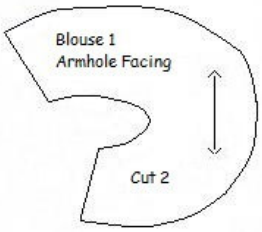

Blouse 1 Sewing Instructions

Read instructions thoroughly before starting to sew. Layout and pin pattern to material, tailor tack dots for bust darts at front, and then cut out pattern from material.

Step 1

Sew darts at front and press.

Step 2

Stitch shoulder seams 6mm wide, zigzag seams and press seams open. Zigzag hem edges of front and backs of garment.

Step 3

Zigzag the bottom raw edge of neck facing. At back center openings: turn in 7.5mm twice (1/2 of 1.5cm twice) at raw edge into wrong side, pin to hold in place and then press. Pin neck facing around neck edge: starting at front centers (that is: matching front centers first) and matching ends of facing to first fold line at center backs, stitch seam (6mm wide) and then clip seam at curves. Press seam, turn neck facing inside and blind-hem stitch facing edge down at center backs and at shoulders. Turn in center back fold line (at top) into place again, and blind-hem stitch loosely right down center backs.

Step 4

Zigzag the bottom raw edge of armhole facings. Pin and sew (6mm wide seam) armhole facings to armhole edges, clip at curves of seam and press. Turn armhole facings to inside (wrong side), pin, press and blind-hem stitch loosely to garment at shoulders.

Step 5

Sew side seams (6mm wide) from facings to hem edge. Press side seams closed and zigzag closed. Just under the armholes - at top of each side seam blind-hem stitch down to face towards the back. At bottom of each side seam: pin side seam towards back to remind you to face them that way when you are sewing hem.

Step 6

Turn 6mm twice at hem edge and then blind-hem stitch hem.

Step 7

Overlap back opening 1cm and sew buttons and buttonholes (or fasteners or Velcro), centered within that 1cm overlap.

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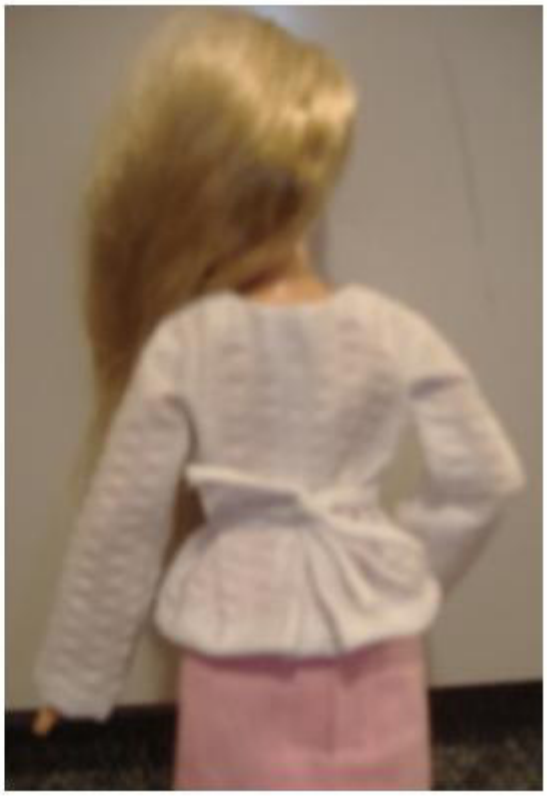
Blouse 2



Materials Needed:

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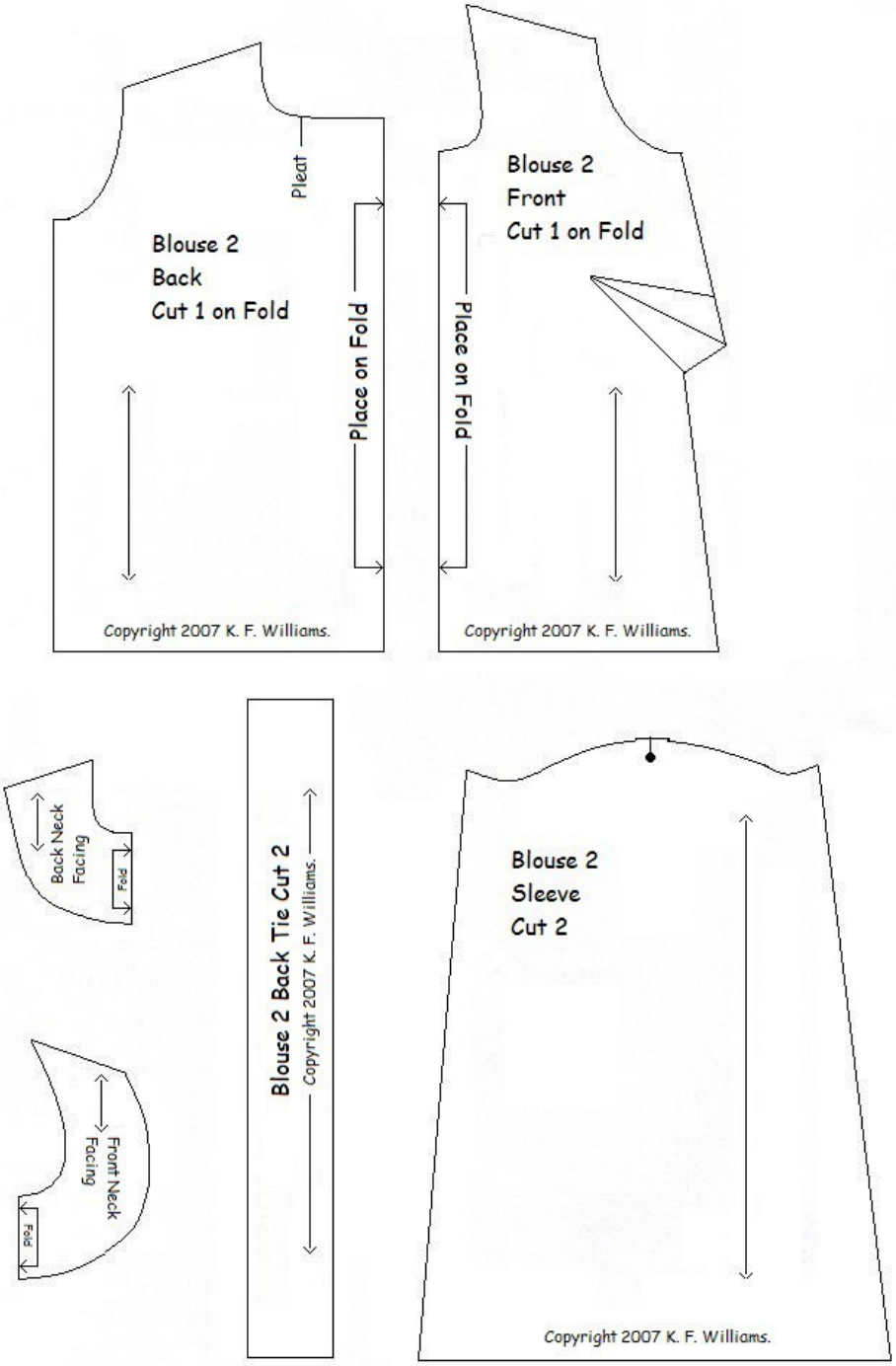

Blouse 2 Sewing Instructions

Read instructions thoroughly before starting to sew. Make sure to pin seams together in place before sewing, afterwards neaten seams and press.

Step 1

Use tailor tacking to mark the position of the darts. Sew darts at front.

Step 2

From top of center back neck: sew back pleat down 1cm (1.5cm wide seam).

Line up center of pleat (at center fold line) with pleat seam line, press, and then sew across it at neckline edge to hold it in place (this is called baste stitch).

Step 3

Sew shoulder seams (6mm wide).

Step 4

Pin and at same time while easing sleeve into armhole; match top center sleeve to shoulder seam line, and then finally sew in sleeve (6 mm seam).

At sleeve hem end turnover 6mm twice and sew down.

Step 5

Sew back neck facing to front neck facing at shoulders (6mm wide seams).

Sew completed neck facing to neckline; matching shoulder seam lines and centers (6mm wide seam). At neck line seam edge clip slits at curves.

Turn into inside of garment. Using blind hem stitch; stitch edge of facing down at shoulders in place.

Step 6

To make up back tie: On each tie piece; turn in 2mm each side and fold into center and sew together about 2mm from edge. With right (good) side facing baste stitch ties at sides right underneath each bust line of front. Make sure the lengths of the ties are lying towards the centers. Sew side seams (6mm) - from bottom (at hemline end) to sleeve ends, making sure to match underarm seam lines.

Step 7

Turn up 6mm twice at bottom (at hemline) and sew 3mm from edge.

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Skirt 1

Materials Needed:

*Tracing paper (baking paper will do)*pencil*ruler*rubber*iron*scissors*sewing machine (or hand-sew)*sewing pins*tape measure (in cm)*polyester cotton thread and also polyester cotton in a different color for tailor tack*1cm wide x 10 cm long elastic*a tiny safety nappy pin*lightweight denim/lightweight type of fabric

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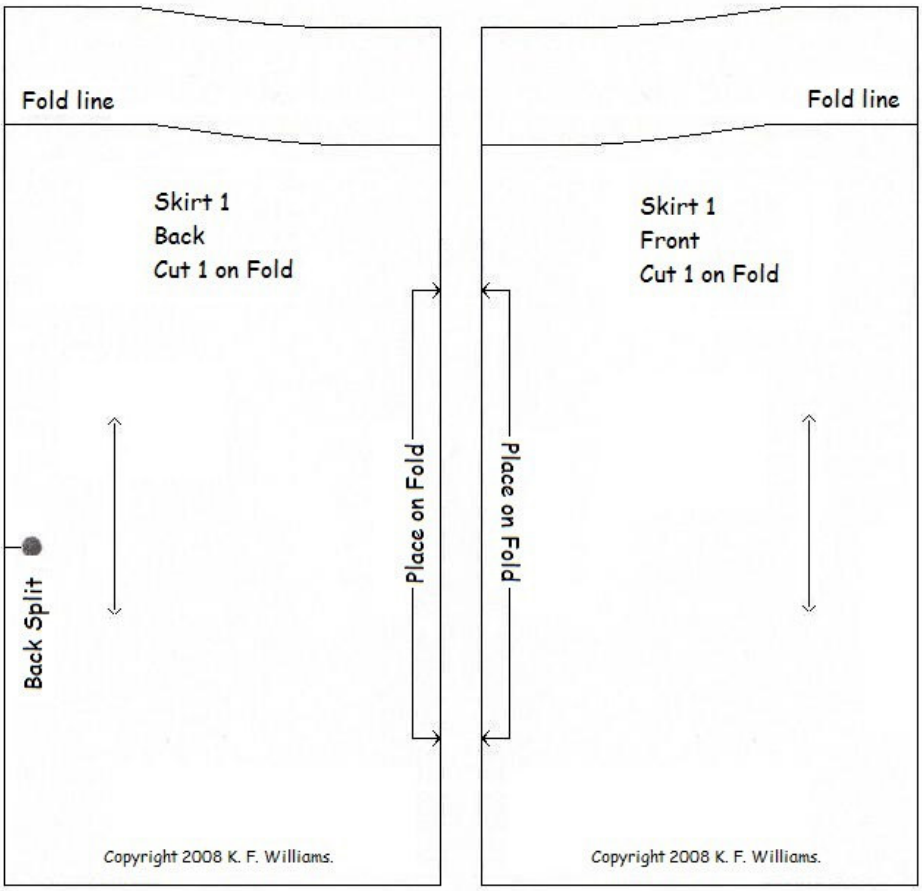
11 1/2 inch Fashion Doll Skirt 1 Sewing Pattern - Copyright 2008 K. F. Williams.



Skirt 1 Sewing Instructions

Read instructions thoroughly before starting to sew. Layout and pin pattern to material, tailor tack dot on back seam of pattern, and then cut out pattern from material.

Step 1

Sew back seam (6mm wide) to tailor tack (marking the start of the back split), then zigzag each side of seam and press seam open; forming fold line for back split also.

Step 2

Making casing for elastic: Zigzag at waist edge. Turn garment to right (good) side. Turn under 2cm, press fold line and sew down (6mm from edge), leaving 1cm gap each side of back seam, to be able to thread elastic through the casing with a safety pin later. Thread elastic through the casing, at ends of elastic sew 6mm seam and then sew the 2cm gap up to complete the casing.

Step 3

Zigzag at hem edge. Turn under 6mm twice at hem edge, pin, press and then blind-hem stitch hem by hand. Blind-hem stitch sides of split inside the garment.

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Trousers 1

Materials Needed:

*Tracing paper (baking paper will do)*pencil*ruler*rubber*iron*scissors*sewing machine (or hand-sew)*sewing pins*tape measure (in cm)*polyester cotton thread*1cm wide x 10 cm long elastic*a tiny safety nappy pin*lightweight denim/soft type of fabric

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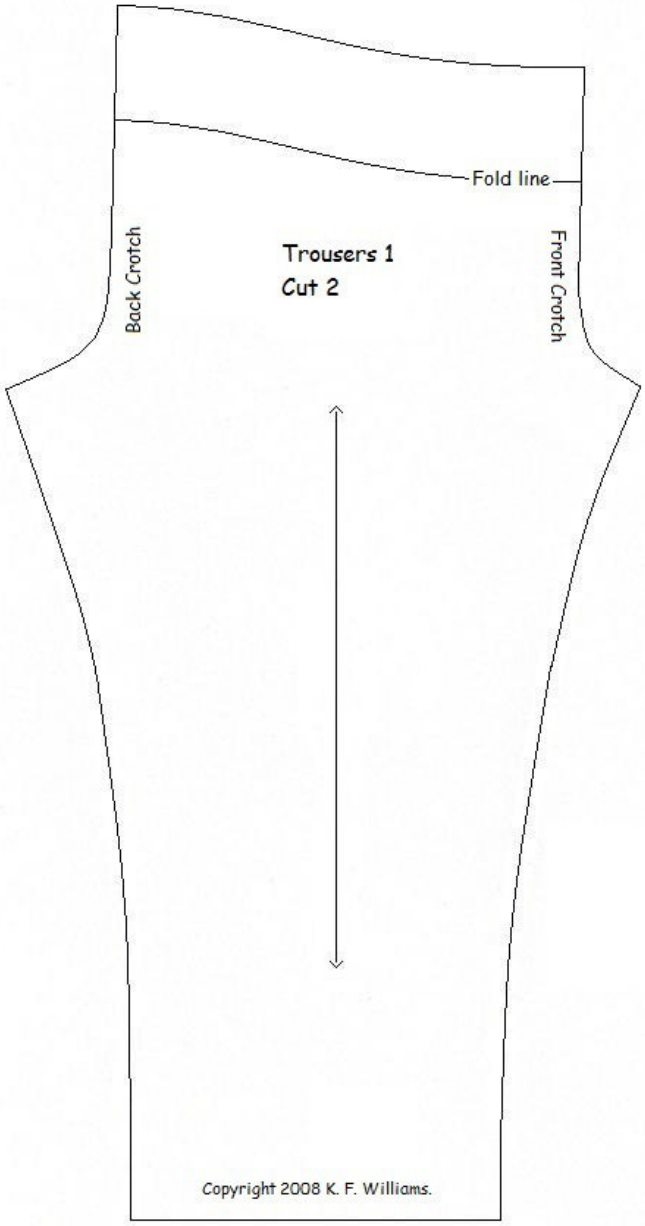

Trousers 1 Sewing Instructions

Read instructions thoroughly before starting to sew. Layout and pin pattern to material, and then cut out pattern from material.

Step 1

Both the trouser pattern pieces are the same: start with one trouser pattern piece: pin first and then sew its' back and front inner legs together (6mm seam) and now the other pattern piece: and do the same. Zigzag each inner leg seam and then press each seam open.

Step 2

Sewing crotch:

Turn one leg into the right (good) side and place this leg inside the other leg (use scissors and shake to get the leg through inside the other), once this is achieved – pin the crotch edges together matching inner leg seam lines and sew seam 6mm wide. Zigzag seam closed together.

Step 3

Making casing for elastic: Zigzag at waist edge.

Turn garment to right (good) side. Turn under 2cm, press fold line and sew down (6mm from edge), leaving 1cm gap each side of back seam to be able to thread elastic through the casing with a safety pin later. Thread elastic through the casing, at ends of elastic sew 6mm seam and then sew the 2cm gap up to complete the casing.

Step 4

Turn garment inside out. Turn under 6mm twice at leg hem edges and blind-hem stitch into place by hand. Turn garment to right side.

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Dress 1

Materials Needed:

*Tracing paper (baking paper will do)*pencil*ruler*rubber*iron*scissors*sewing machine (or hand-sew)*sewing pins*tape measure in cm*polyester cotton thread*polyester cotton type fabric*11 cm dress zipper (or zipper-length cut to size - 11.5cm)

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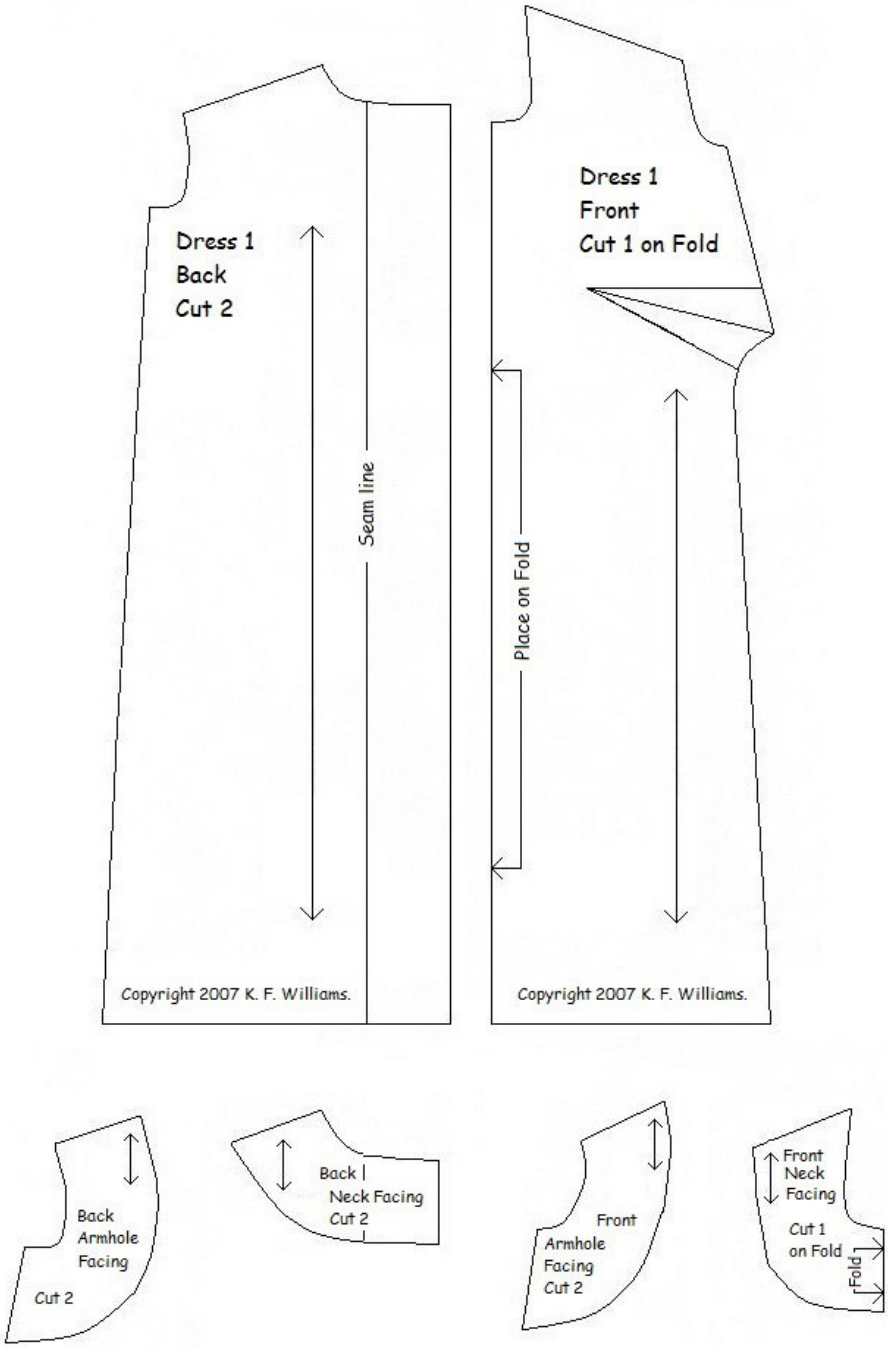

Dress 1 Sewing Instructions

Read instructions thoroughly before starting to sew. Make sure to pin seams together in place before sewing, afterwards neaten seams and press.

Step 1

Use tailor tacking to mark the position of the darts. Sew darts at front.

Step 2

Starting 11cm down from top edge - sew back center seam (1.5cm wide) thus leaving a top opening to sew zipper into later.

Step 3

Sew zipper into back center opening. {If you could not find a dress zipper 11cm long follow instructions below: sew end of zip Cut zipper to 11.5cm long and sew teeth together - over and over until secure; as shown in the pic above in brown cotton and then blanket-stitch by hand the bottom raw edge of zipper.

Step 4

Sew shoulder seams (6mm wide).

Step 5

Sew each front armhole facing piece to its corresponding back armhole facing piece at the shoulders of facing pieces (6mm wide seams). Sew completed armhole

facings to armholes of the garment (seams 6mm wide), turn in arm hole facings to inside of garment.

Step 6

Sew (6mm seams) back neck facing pieces to front neck facing piece at shoulders of facing pieces. Sew (6mm seam) completed neck facing to neckline; matching shoulder seam lines and centers. At neck line seam edge clip slits at curves. Turn facing into the inside of the garment. Turn in 1.5cm at facing sides and blind hem stitch to each side of back (over each side of zipper) inside of garment. Using blind hem stitch; stitch rest of facing down at shoulders and then at center to hold and secure facing in place.

Step 7

Sew side seams (6mm) - from bottom (at hemline end) to armhole facing ends, making sure to match underarm seam lines.

Step 8

Turn up 6mm twice at bottom (at hemline) and sew down.

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Dress 2

Materials Needed:

*Tracing paper (baking paper will do)*pencil*ruler*rubber*iron*scissors*sewing machine (or hand-sew)*sewing pins*tape measure (in cm)*polyester cotton thread*polyester cotton type fabric*11 cm dress zipper (or zipper-length cut to size - 11.5cm)

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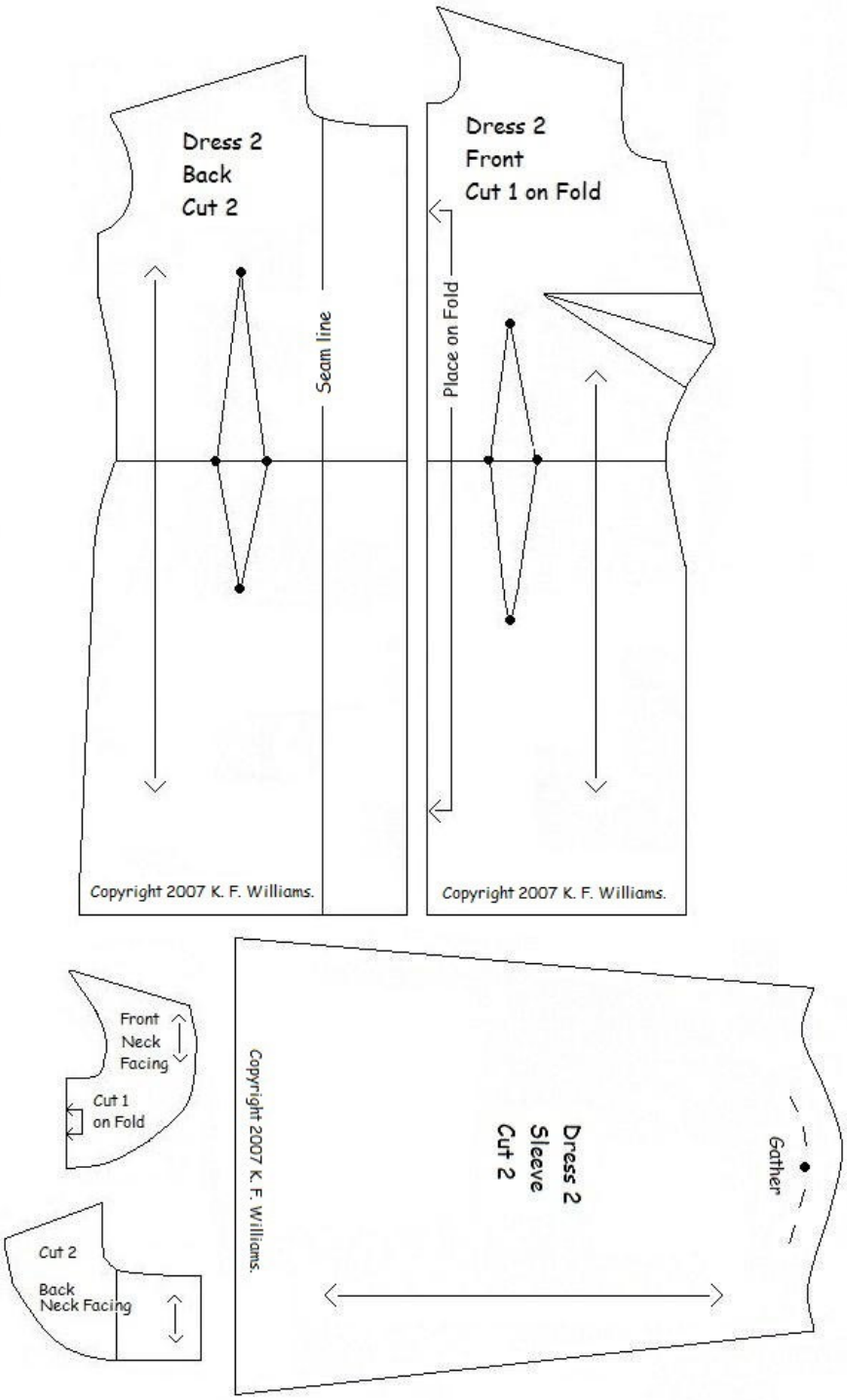

Dress 2 Sewing Instructions

Read instructions thoroughly before starting to sew. Make sure to pin seams together in place before sewing, afterwards neaten seams and press open:

Step 1

Use tailor tacking to mark the position of the darts. Sew darts at front and back.

Step 2

Starting 11cm down from top edge, sew back center seam (1.5cm wide) thus leaving a top opening to sew zipper into later. Zigzag both sides of back center raw edges from opening to end of seam.

Step 3

Sew zipper into back center opening.

(If you could not find a dress zipper 11cm long follow instructions below:

Sew end of zip. Cut zipper to 11.5cm long and sew teeth together - over and over until secure; as shown in the pic above in brown cotton and then blanket-stitch by hand the bottom raw edge of zipper.)

Step 4

Sew shoulder seams (6mm wide).

Step 5

Gather at top of sleeves where markings are shown on the sleeve pattern.

Pin sleeve to armhole; matching center sleeve to center armhole and pin into place, pin rest of sleeve easing in gathering to match armhole width and then finally sew in sleeve (6 mm seam). Zigzag the edge of the sleeve seam.

At sleeve hem end turnover 6mm twice and sew down.

Step 6

Sew (6mm seams) back neck facing pieces to front neck facing piece at shoulders of facing pieces. Sew (6mm seam) completed neck facing to neckline; matching shoulder seam lines and centers. Zigzag along bottom edge of neck facing. At neck line seam edge clip slits at curves. Turn the facing into inside of garment. Turn in 1.5cm at facing sides and blind hem stitch to each side of back (over each side of zipper) inside of garment. Using blind hem stitch; stitch rest of facing down at shoulders and then at center to hold and secure facing in place.

Step 7

Sew side seams (6mm) - from bottom (at hemline end) to sleeve ends, making sure to match underarm seam lines. Zigzag edges of side seams.

Step 8

Turn up 6mm twice at bottom (at hemline) and sew down.

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About Author

When I was a child, my father always liked to knit in the evenings while watching television, especially in the winter. I use to watch him when I was seven years old, wondering if I could maybe learn to knit myself. It looked fun! So excitedly, I asked my dad if he would teach me how to knit. With my father's encouragement; I finally mastered how to knit in a straight line without dropping stitches. The first thing I made was a scarf and I've been knitting here and there ever since. My mother also was an immense encouragement to me as a child in helping me to sew clothes for my dolls with needle and cotton; and then later on as a teenager, to sew clothes for myself using the sewing machine.

When I gained a daughter of my own, I so much wanted to make clothes for her Barbie doll, but couldn't find many sewing and knitting patterns for Barbie-type dolls, so I began learning design concepts and away I was ... designing my own!

I do hope you enjoy sewing up my patterns just as much as I have enjoyed thinking them up. I am sure they will make lovely gifts for any little girl.

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